



Influence of different gas layers on the secondary electron emission coefficient

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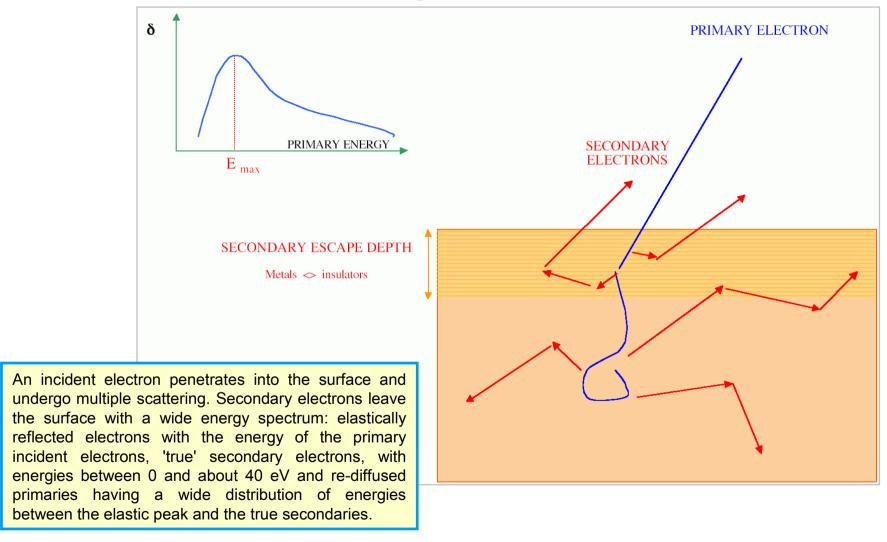
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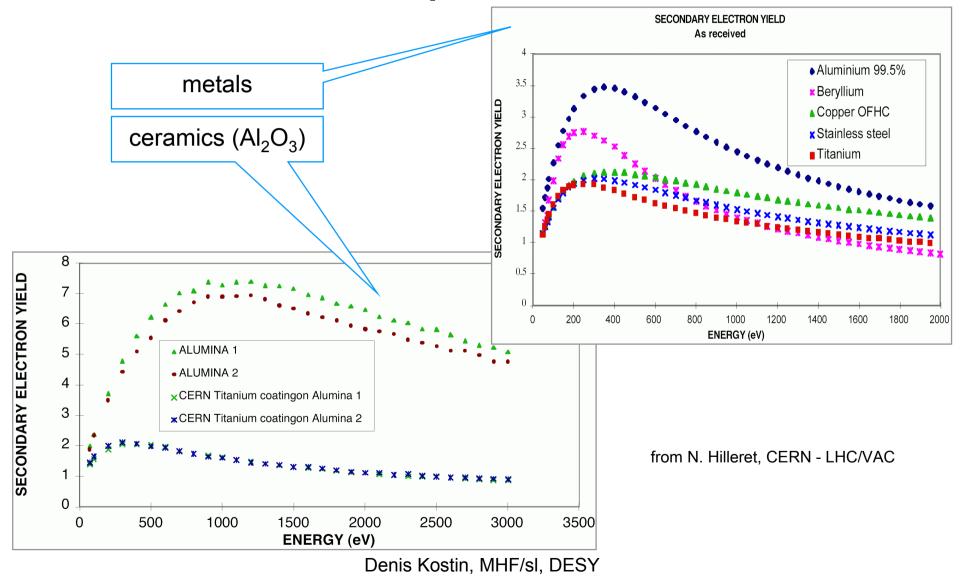
1. General Notes

- Secondary Electron Emission Coefficient is an important surface characteristic, describing general ability of material surface to emit the electrons.
- The secondary electron yield of technical metals depends strongly on the roughness of the surface and on the composition of the oxide layer, as well as on the condensed gas layers.
- During operation of RF power components a gradual 'conditioning' occurs. The effect of dosing of a surface with electrons or photons decreases the secondary electron yield to a value of δ_{max} which can be lower than one of the base material.
- The physical processes, which cause this reduction of δ_{max} can be attributed to the formation of a carbon rich layer on the top surface and/or surface oxide reduction. Carbon is known to have a low secondary electron yield.
- There is no indication that the final secondary electron yield after conditioning depends on the base material

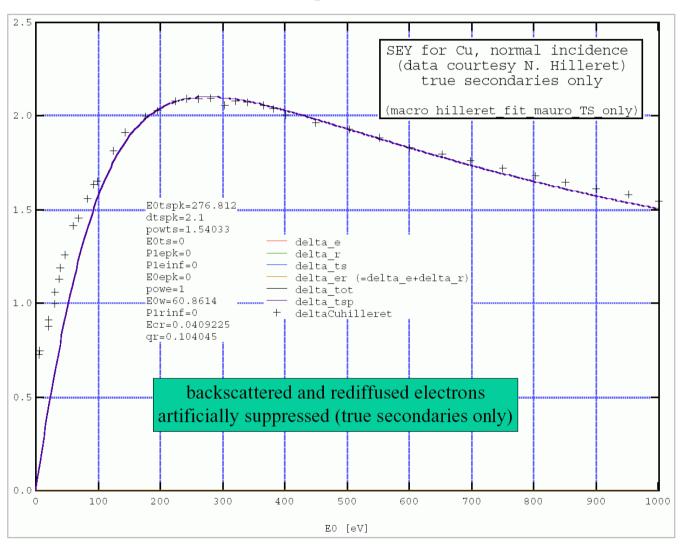
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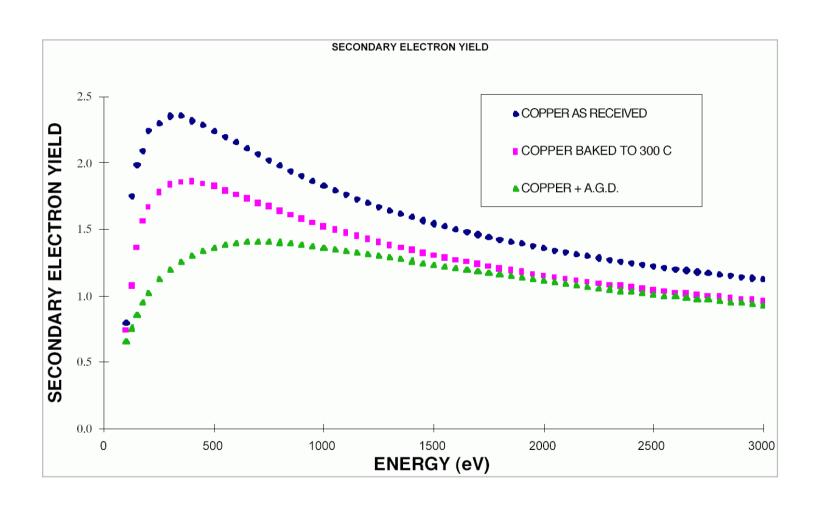
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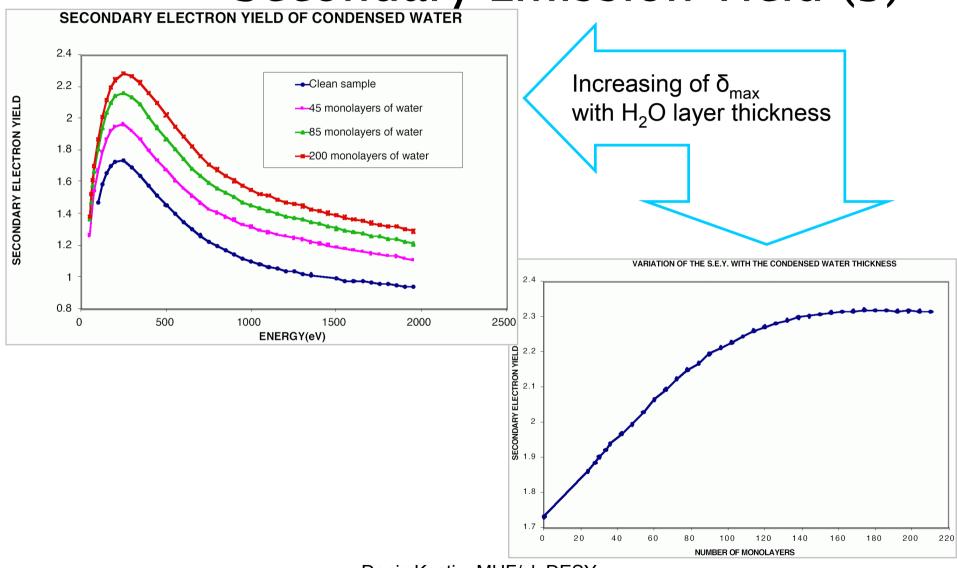
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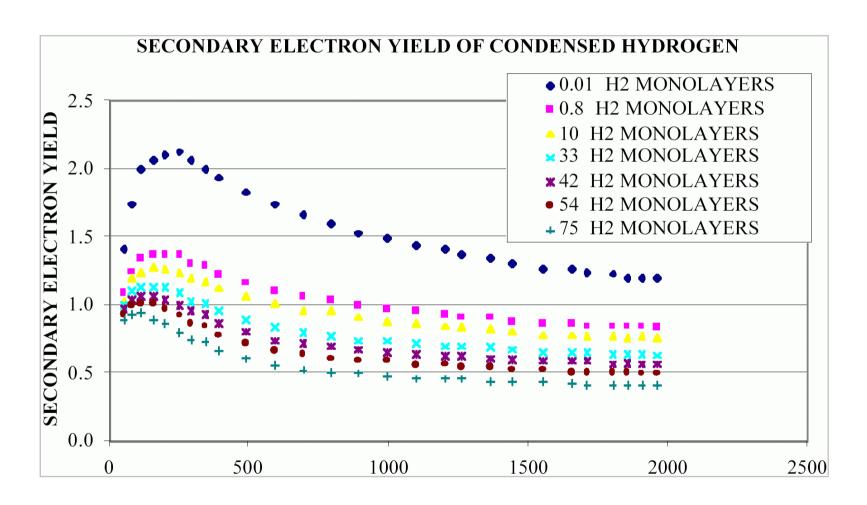
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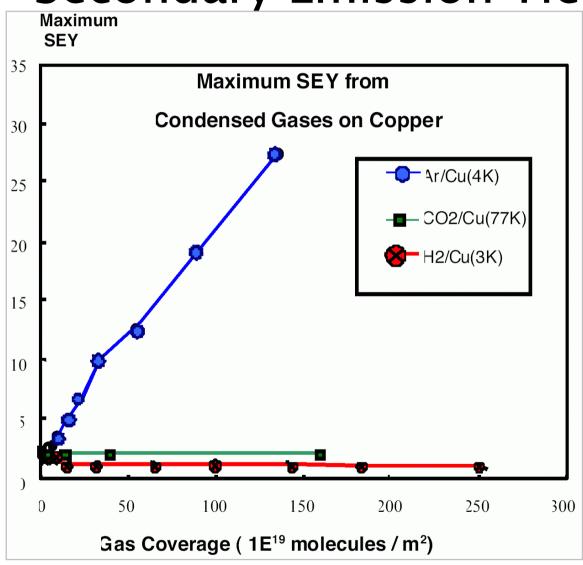
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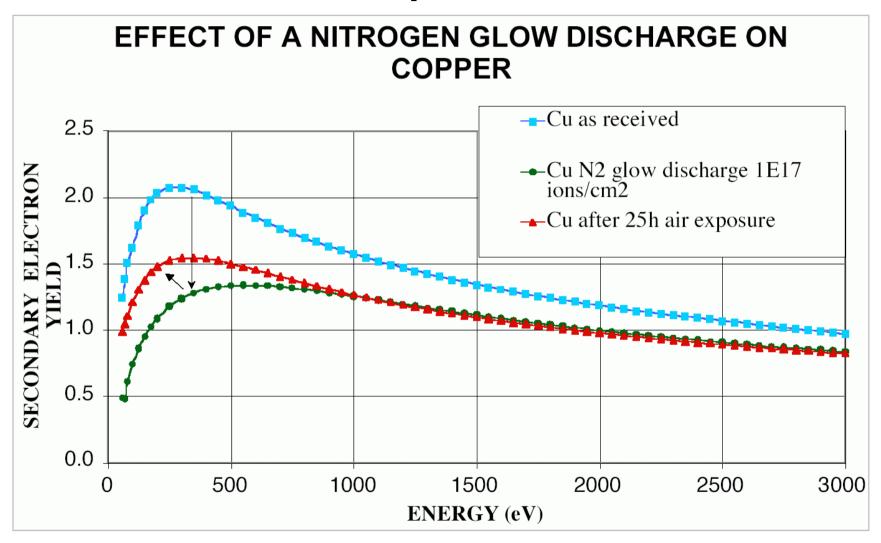
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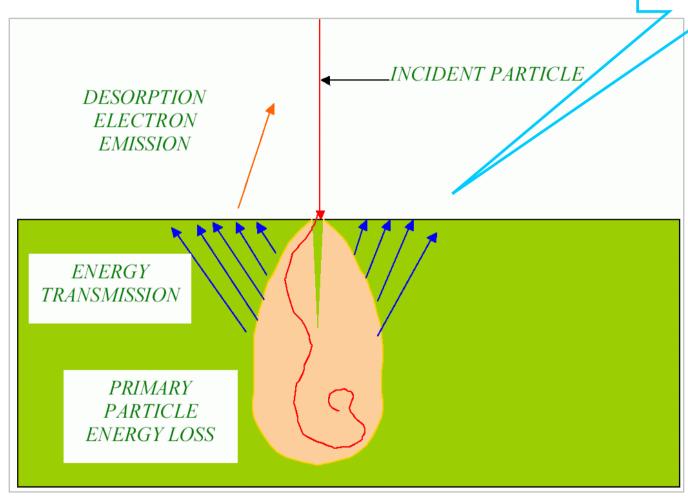


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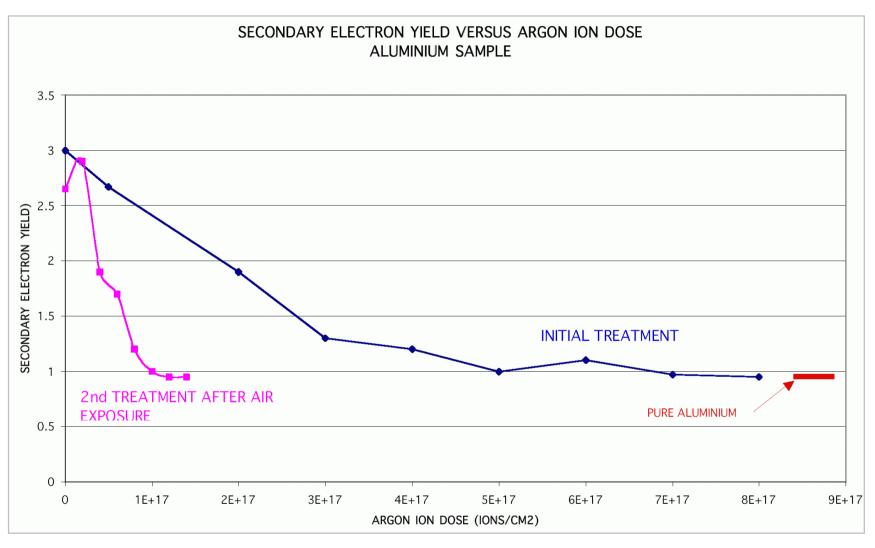


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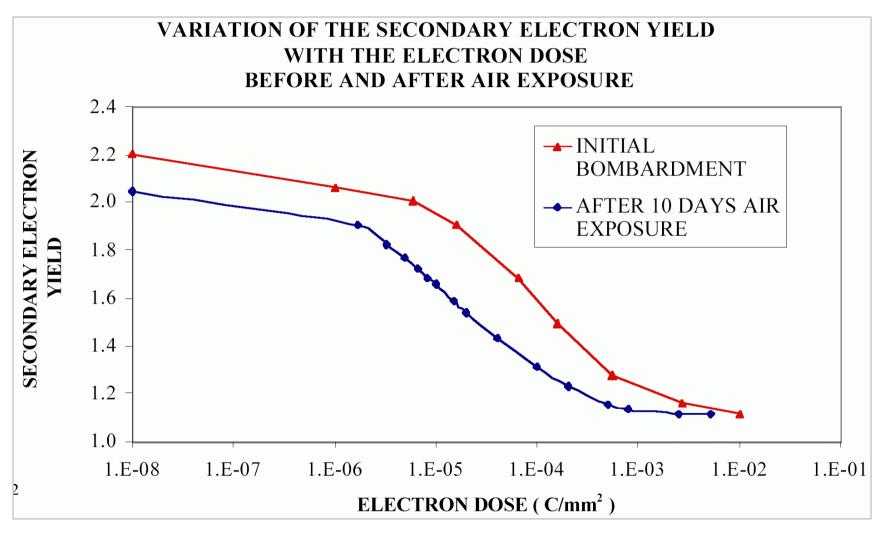
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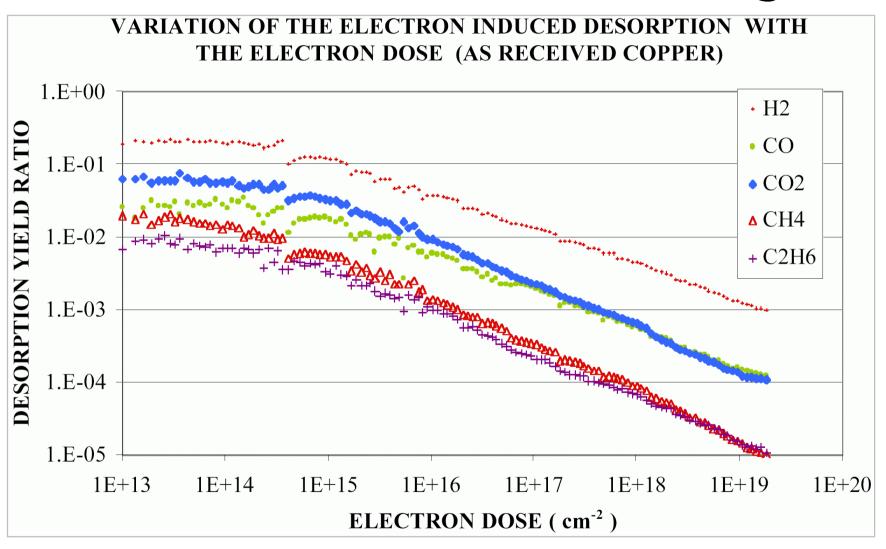
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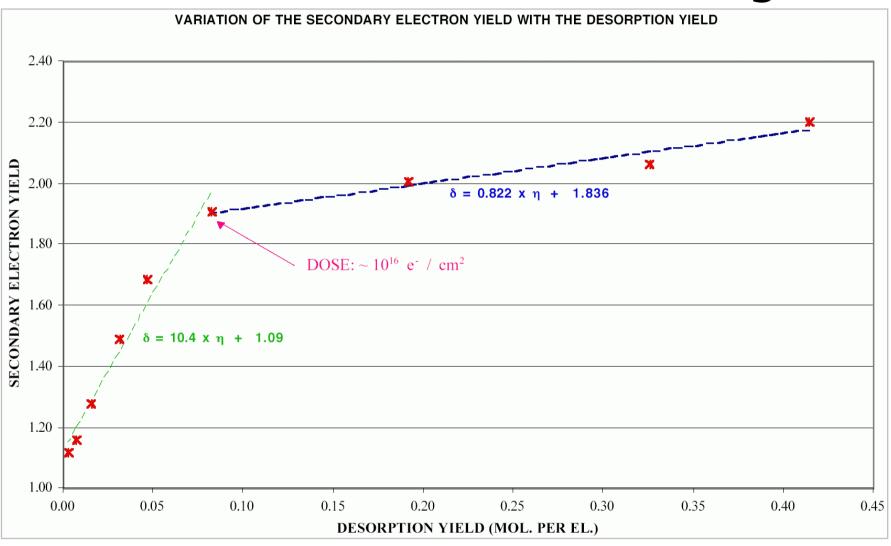
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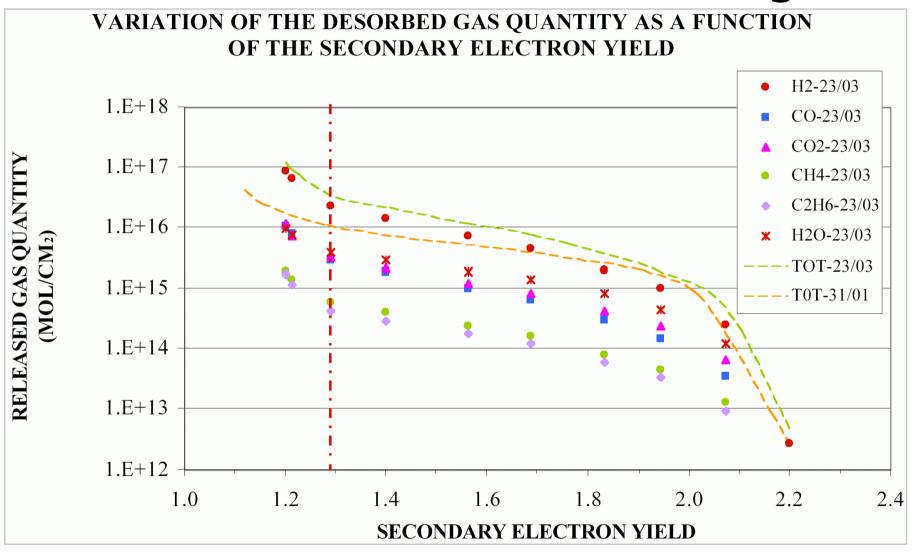
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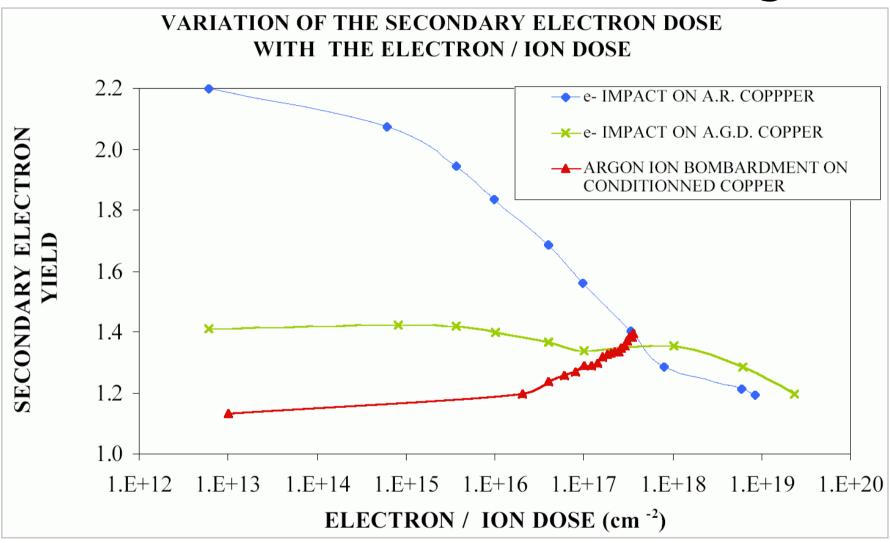
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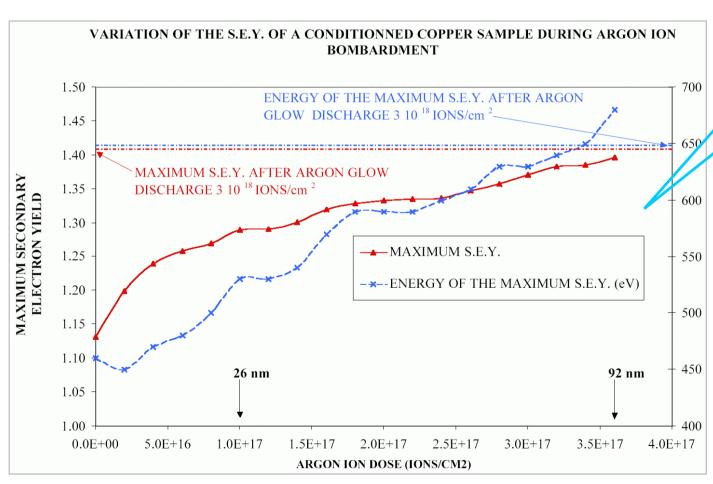
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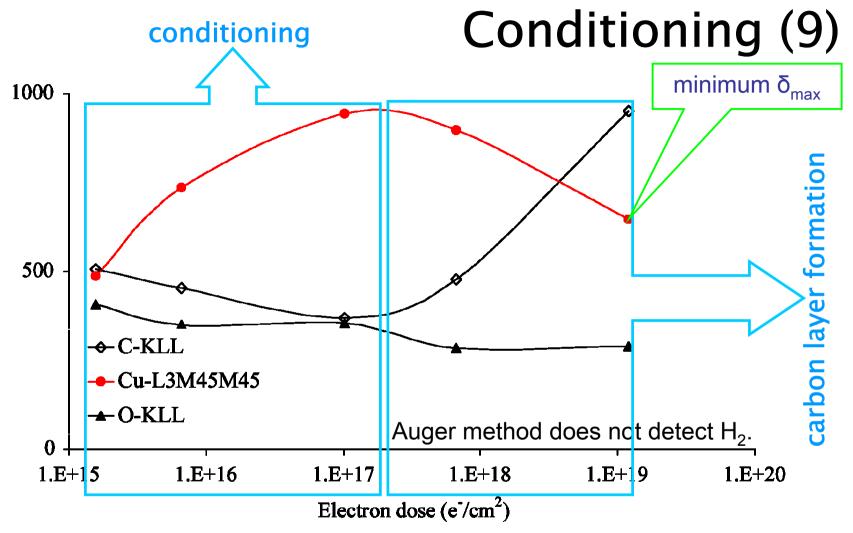


Conditioning (8)



The cleanest surface has not the lowest secondary electron tield

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Carbon (C-KLL), oxygen (O-KLL) and copper (Cu, L3M45M45) Auger peak intensity on chemically cleaned copper as a function of the electron dose.

3. Summary

- 1. The Secondary Electron Emission is strongly surface dependant. It is more determined by surface preparation then by the base material itself.
- 2. "Wonder layers" need to be produced in-situ or baked out to be fully efficient.
- 3. Conditioning is based on the decrease of Secondary Electron Yield with e- dose: usual condensed gases have little effect on the secondary electron yield, exception: noble gases at thick coverages.
- 4. Desorption and conditioning: parallel phenomena: gas flux variation is a good indicator of the conditioning process. Desorbed gas composition changes with the dose: CO₂ desorption yield decreasing at a faster rate than the one of CO and H₂ (is mostly present).
- 5. Conditioned surface is very sensitive to the air exposure, but the reconditioning takes less time.